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To: Prof. Dr. Gilberto Camara,
GEO Secretariat Director

Dear Dr. Camara,

Re: Support and collaboration on SDG 11 monitoring.

UN-Habitat is the lead custodian agency for nine SDG 11 indicators. We have worked with various United Nations agencies in the methodological development, pilot testing of the developed methods, and in building the capacities of various stakeholders (national governments, National Statistical Systems, local governments, universities, civil society, private sector, etc.) to collect and report on all these various SDG targets. This collaborative approach has been extended to the production of the Secretary General's annual SDG reports, where UN-Habitat provides reviews and inputs for the reports to ensure that they suitably reflect and address the urban dimensions of the SDGs. What is clearly emerging as a trend, is the need to enhance our capacities for geospatial SDG monitoring by working with expert partners, such as the GEO Secretariat.

We believe that the GEO Work Programme could offer a framework, as well as access to the global EO community for UN-Habitat, particularly with respect to SDG 11 and the New Urban Agenda. This support and collaboration with your team would directly support SDGs indicators 11.1.1, 11.2.1, 11.3.1 and 11.7.1. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this with you and the team to determine how best to address this requirement for UN-Habitat.

Please receive my best wishes and support from the UN-Habitat family.

On behalf of UN-Habitat,



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